

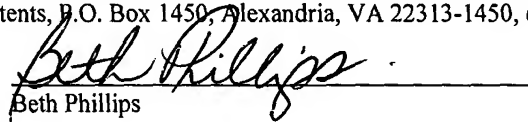
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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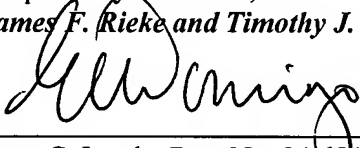
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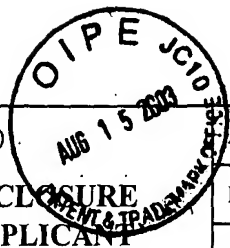
An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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